

Appl. No. 10/015,455
Amendment dated July 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 7, 2003

REMARKS

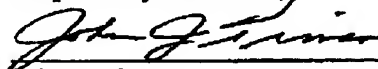
In the Advisory Action mailed June 24, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the proposed amendment would not be entered because: (1) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search; and (2) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. The Examiner further indicated that claims 5 and 13 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment, canceling the non-allowable claims.

In response, claims 1 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 5 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 - 4, 6 - 8, 10 - 12 and 14 - 18 have been amended to depend from allowable claims 5 and 13.

It is believed that pending claims 2 - 8 and 10 - 18 as amended are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. It is also requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below should this response not be deemed to place the application in condition for allowance.

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